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OUTER AND INNER CANNULAE

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the July 2, 2003 official action, please amend the specification and claims as follows. Also please approve the enclosed proposed amendments to the drawings.

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